

ABSTRACT

In order to prevent distribution of an illegal copy of the content in the electronic distribution system, the method for controlling the distribution of content over the telecommunication network comprises steps of: adding apparatus identification information for identifying an apparatus by which the content is recorded and content identification information containing an identification code for identifying the content, to the content; transmitting the content to the telecommunication network; receiving at least one part of the content containing the apparatus identification information and the identification code over the telecommunication network; extracting the apparatus identification information and the identification code from the received at least one part of the content; judging whether the content is a legal copy or an illegal copy based on the apparatus identification information and the identification code extracted; and stopping reception and playback of the content when the content is judged an illegal copy.